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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hans-Peter Josel et al.

Serial No: 08/776,190

January 24, 1997

For: Oligomeric Carrier Molecules with

Defined Incorporated Marker Groups

and Haptens

Examiner: Maurie Garcia Baker, Ph.D.

Group Art Unit: 1639

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)

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Dear Sir:

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Applicants request continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

Applicants:

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Other: Form PTO-1449; Six (6) Cited References (D1-D6); Copies of Fourteen (14) references previously submitted with the 2 nd Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed August 21, 2002; and Return Postcard.				
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